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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR



Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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December 7, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg *MC* \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Tour Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Beahm \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

At the present time, [redacted] and telegram messages are being received by the telegraph companies from [redacted]

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*Consistency of letters*

The Washington Field Office is in possession of numerous messages which have been filed with the company for transmittal. In view of the number of messages which will stack up in the various communications offices, it is suggested that these messages, the originals of which have been made available to the Washington Field Office, clear through the interested agency. It is not known which agency should receive these messages at this time. No action is being taken, and McKee has been instructed to continue to accumulate the information and await further instructions. *///*

Respectfully,

*A. Rosen*

A. Rosen

*e.e. Ladd*

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR



Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

EAT:GEG  
Received: 5:05 P.M.  
Typed: 7:55 P.M.

December 11, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Beahm \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

I called SAC Nathan at San Diego and advised him that the first message to Mr. Shivers at Honolulu was sent to the San Diego station by radio on December 8. I told him that this was the message asking for the code to be used in telephone conversations from Mr. Shivers to the Bureau and that it had been sent to San Diego encoded. I read to him the coded message as reflected by the Bureau's copy.

I told him that the other message was sent to him at 2:50 A.M. this morning by coded teletype and I also read the coded copy of this message to him.

Mr. Nathan stated he seemed to recall that the first message was read to him over the telephone by Mr. Coffey but that Mr. Coffey states he did not read such a message.

I told Mr. Nathan to check and ascertain from his radio operator whether these two messages had been sent. He will call me later.

Respectfully,

Edward A. Tamm

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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____ Mr. Tolson	____ Mr. Carlson
____ Mr. E. A. Tamm	____ Mr. Donaldson
____ Mr. Glavin	____ Mr. Espey
____ Mr. Ladd	____ Mr. Hicks
____ Mr. Nichols	____ Mr. McCabe
____ Mr. Rosen	____ Mr. F. T. McIntire
____ Mr. Egan	____ Mr. Prescott
____ Miss Gandy	____ Mr. Robey
____ Mr. Gurnea	____ Mr. Rogers
____ Mr. Harbo	____ Mr. Santoiana
____ Mr. Hendon	____ Mr. _____
____ Mr. Holloman	
____ Mr. R. H. Laughlin	____ Mr. H. A. Meyers
____ Mr. Pennington	
____ Mr. Renneberger	____ Miss Biles
____ Mr. Quinn Tamm	____ Mr. Clark
____ Mr. Tracy	____ Miss Dunaway
	____ Mrs. Griggs
____ Chief Clerk's Office	____ Miss Hansen
____ Files Section	____ Miss Heath
____ Ident. Division	____ Miss Hodges
____ Mail Room	____ Miss Holliday
____ Mechanical Section	____ Miss Starkweather
____ Personnel Files Section	____ Miss Teller
____ Supply Division	____ Miss Turner
____ Tour Room	
____ Washington Field	
____ FHLB Building	
____ Quantico	____ See me
____ Room	____ Phone me
	____ Send file
	____ Note and return
	____ Record and route
	____ Please handle
	____ Please forward
	____ File our Files

*Phoned Van. [Signature]*

*Miss Gandy  
Means Director*



**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
**Washington, D. C.**

DML:CSH

December 8, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

10 a.m.

*Bruce*  
Mr. Allen of Western Union called to inquire whether the Bureau could give him something in writing relative to the communications which it desires held. He advised that the New York executives of Western Union had received numerous requests from FBI representatives, and were somewhat confused.

I informed him that the desired letter would be prepared and delivered to his office at 708 14th Street, N. W.

Mr. Allen inquired whether any action was desired with reference to the Bulgarian messages, indicating that no mention was made thereof in the instructions received yesterday. I informed him that the State Department had not included these, and no action should be taken with reference to them.

Respectfully,

*D. M. Ladd*  
D. M. Ladd

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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December 16, 1941

THE DIRECTOR

Received 3:15 p.m.  
Transcribed 3:25 p.m.

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Mr. Breckinridge Long, Assistant Secretary  
of State, telephoned to advise that the [redacted]

[redacted] and has indicated that if  
something is not done by 4 o'clock to see that they  
are permitted to get messages from [redacted] they will  
[redacted] Mr. Long indicated he had been discussing  
this matter with Captain Fenn, of ONI, who advised him  
that the Naval Censorship has not been holding anything.  
Mr. Long indicated that there must be a [redacted] some-  
where along the line.

I assured Mr. Long that the Bureau had placed  
no stops of any kind on messages to or from the [redacted]  
[redacted] but informed him that I would check into this  
matter and endeavor to ascertain the [redacted] of the  
[redacted] of these messages.

Respectfully,

D. M. Ladd

RECEIVED:  
DML:RGR

At 3:22 P.M., I furnished the above information  
to Mr. Clegg and requested him to check. He stated that  
he would do so and would telephonically inform me of the  
results. At 4:10 P.M., I called Mr. Clegg for the infor-  
mation, which was then transmitted to Mr. Breckinridge

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Memorandum for the Director

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Long. I told Mr. Long that we had checked with Captain Fenn who has instructions to let all of those messages through and has had those instructions for some time; that Captain Fenn had checked and stated that he has no messages, that none are being held up. I told Mr. Long that we had also checked with Western Union, Postal and RCA to see if they had any messages for the [ ] or if any were being held up, and they had likewise stated that they have not had any messages and are not holding any up.

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Mr. Long advised that the [ ] received one telegram this afternoon which is the only telegram that they have received since December 10th and that telegram came, not from [ ] but from the High Commissioner at [ ] and it was dated December 12th.

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Mr. Long advised that information had come to them from a round-about source that a number of messages addressed to the [ ] have been held in a building across the street from the RCA office in New York. He stated that he does not know who owns this building nor does he know the authenticity of that information. Mr. Long stated that the United States [ ] has telegraphed the State Department that he has been in communication with the [ ] on various delicate matters. They have been receiving two or three telegrams a day from [ ] stating that the [ ] in Washington is being sent instructions to do certain things. Mr. Long stated that they have been expecting officials of the [ ] to discuss certain matters with them, but as yet the [ ] has not received instructions from [ ] Mr. Long stated that the State Department is at a loss to understand why the [ ] has not been receiving instructions from [ ]

I told Mr. Long that a check would be made on the story that he had received regarding messages being held in a building across from the RCA offices in New York City; however, I pointed out to him that instructions had been issued that such messages were not to be held.

Respectfully,

D. M. Ladd

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Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_



December 14, 1941

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THE DIRECTOR

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Mr. McCloy, the Assistant Secretary of War, telephonically contacted me at 6:50 p. m., December 14, 1941, and advised that it had been learned from General DeWitt of San Francisco that films were coming over [redacted] from Hawaii, presumably showing the damage done during the bombing and that the President was very much perturbed about this and desired that appropriate steps be taken to impound these films.

He stated that he had no further details concerning this matter, but suggested that our Agent in Charge of the San Francisco Office contact General DeWitt and cooperate with him.

I immediately advised Mr. Hince in Mr. Clegg's Office to make arrangements through SAC Ploper to handle this.

Respectfully,

D. M. Ladd

*Considered by J. D. Hince*

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December 14, 1941

6:50 p.m.

THE DIRECTOR:

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Mr. Ladd telephoned and stated he had received a call from Mr. McCloy, Assistant Secretary of War, who stated that information received from General DeWitt at San Francisco indicated that certain films depicting damage to battleships were arriving in San Francisco.

Mr. Ladd stated that Mr. McCloy indicated that The President was greatly concerned about these films and desired that they be impounded.

7:08 p.m.

Lieutenant Rider in Major Corderman's office, was on duty in the War Department and he was informed that he should make arrangements with the San Francisco Censorship Station to seize the films and to turn them over to the FBI, San Francisco. Lieutenant Rider stated this would be done and that he would inform Major Corderman by telephone.

7:15 p.m.

Special Agent in Charge Pieper was telephonically informed that the War Department Censorship and that the Customs of Treasury were being instructed to seize the films and turn them over to the FBI, San Francisco. Mr. Pieper was informed that he should send these immediately via airmail, special delivery or air express, depending upon the nature of the shipment, directly to Mr. Hoover as censorship material.

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Mr. E. A. Tamm

Mr. Clegg

Mr. Foxworth

Mr. Glavin

Mr. Ladd

Mr. Nichols

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Mr. Carson

Mr. Drayton

Mr. Quinn Tamm

Mr. Hendon

Mr. Tracy

Miss Gandy

Mr. Pieper stated that the Navy was in complete control of the Clipper; that the Navy was searching passengers and seizing all articles on board for examination. Mr. Pieper was informed that he should contact Navy and if these films are in the possession of Navy at any time, they should be obtained from the Navy and forwarded to Washington to Mr. Hoover.

Mr. Pieper stated that [redacted] arrived this morning. He was instructed to contact the Customs, Army Censorship and Navy, and to obtain the films in the event they arrived this morning.

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7:30 p.m.

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Captain Fenn was telephoned and he was asked whether there was any possibility that the Navy would be now censoring any mail or anything else coming in [redacted]. He stated that the Navy would not be conducting any such examinations and that with respect to [redacted] which was reported to have arrived this morning, the Navy did not have in its possession any of the censorable materials which came in.

8:10 p.m.

After one hour of trying to locate Mr. Huntington Cairns, Assistant General Counsel, Treasury, He called in. He was informed of the situation and was requested to have Customs, San Francisco, obtain the film if it were found in any package which would be examined by Customs and to turn the film over to FBI, San Francisco. Cairns stated that he would issue immediate instructions to Customs, San Francisco.

Cairns stated, however, that he understood an arrangement was already in effect covering the handling of films taken on December 7 and thereafter at Honolulu, and that Admiral Hepburn, Chief of Public Relations for Navy had issued instructions to Customs and to the Post Office Department that any films discovered were to be turned over to ONI. As indicated, however, Mr. Cairns stated he would turn this particular film over to FBI if located by Customs.

8:30 p.m.

Inspector Williams of Post Office Department was reached. He was not at his office. The necessary information was furnished to Inspector Williams who stated that the Post Office Inspection Service at San Francisco might expect 100% compliance with FBI wishes in this matter and that any failure to comply with FBI requests should be brought immediately to his attention so that he might give appropriate instructions.

8:35 p.m.

Special Agent in Charge Pieper was informed that he should make sure that he contacted the Post Office Inspection Service; that he secured their complete cooperation in locating and obtaining the films in question and that there should be no lack of a clear understanding; that these films were to be obtained no matter who had them or where they were and that they were to be forwarded immediately to Mr. Hoover.

9:00 p.m.

Special Agent in Charge Pieper phoned and stated that he

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believed he had located the films in question. He had talked with General DeWitt and obtained the identifying information. He had contacted the Customs authorities and found that the films were in the possession of Inspector Lyons of Customs; that the films were apparently taken by one Ellis A. Johnson, a Navy employee at Honolulu, and that the films were in transit to the address: 6408 Brookville Road, Chevy Chase, Maryland. Pieper stated that an Agent was on the way to the Customs Office to pick up the films. Pieper stated that the films consisted of three rolls of amateur films.

9:50 p.m.

Special Agent in Charge Pieper telephoned and stated he had the films, at least a Special Agent of the FBI had them and was enroute to the office with them. He was instructed to have these carefully wrapped and sent to the Director, marked "Films" on the outside and marked "For Mr. Clegg's Urgent Attention". This instruction was given so there would be no delay in identifying these films when they arrived at Washington. Mr. Pieper was also instructed to have an agent put these films on the plane for air express transmittal to Washington, and should telephone advising the itinerary of the plane and the time that it would arrive in Washington so that we may have an agent meet the plane here and pick up the films. Mr. Pieper stated there was some question out there as to who was to deliver the films to Washington, that the Army officials said they had instructions to do so. It was all friendly, he stated, but wanted it cleared here in Washington.

Lieutenant Rider in Major Corderman's office was immediately contacted and he advised he had just received word from Lieutenant Carlson, the Army censor in San Francisco, to the effect the films had been turned over to the FBI. Rider stated the FBI were to transmit the same to Washington. Mr. Pieper was immediately advised.

12:05 A.M. December 15, 1941

Special Agent M.B. Myerson of San Francisco telephoned the films had been sent via Air Mail; that they left San Francisco via rail at 9 P.M. (12 M. Washington time) for Reno where he understood they would arrive on the morning of December 15, 1941 and would leave from there via plane arriving in Washington D.C. on the morning of December 16, 1941. Myerson advised that no planes were leaving San Francisco during the night of December 14th. The films are now packed in manilla wrapping paper in a package 10"x3 1/2"x1 1/4". The package was originally addressed to Ellis A. Johnson, 6408 Brookville Road, Chevy Chase, Maryland; and that Johnson, a civilian employee of the Navy in the capacity of a physicist, was also a passenger on the Clipper and it was understood he was enroute to Washington D.C.

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Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
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This handled by  
L. A. Hince.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg

*HHC/jak*

HMC:NET

December 15, 1941

THE DIRECTOR

RE: HAWAIIAN FILMS EN ROUTE TO WASHINGTON

SAC Newman, Salt Lake City, telephoned with reference to the information from San Francisco that the films left from there about 9 o'clock. Newman states there were two trains leaving San Francisco last night, one at 8:35 P.M. and the other at 9:10 P.M. They arrived in Reno at 5:38 A.M. and 7:10 A.M. respectively.

There were three bags of locked mail en route to Washington directly. The bags were not unlocked. Whether the films were inside he could not say, but there were only three bags from both trains for Washington. The plane on which these three bags were placed left Reno at 9:30 A. M. by United Airlines. They arrive at Cleveland at 1:16 A.M. They will depart from Cleveland at 3:05 A.M. and will arrive in Washington tomorrow morning at 5:25 on Pennsylvania Central. They will presumably go to the Post Office. An effort will be made to obtain them promptly at the Post Office and have them brought directly to the Bureau.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg

Olson \_\_\_\_\_  
A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Egan \_\_\_\_\_  
Gurnea \_\_\_\_\_  
Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Rm. \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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LAH:PH

December 15, 1941

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Mr. Archibald MacLeish  
Librarian  
Library of Congress  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. MacLeish:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter addressed to me by Mr. Milo Perkins, Executive Director of the Economic Defense Board. I am referring this to you for your review in anticipation of consideration by you of general censorship policies.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosure

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DECEMBER 15, 1941

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: SAC HONOLULU

BUREAU DESIRES IMMEDIATE [REDACTED] TELEPHONE, CABLE, TELEGRAPHIC, MAIL  
OR OTHER COMMUNICATIONS TO OR FROM [REDACTED]

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DEC 16 1941

RRR:ef December 15, 1941  
Rec'd: 8:40 A.M.  
Dictated: 10:15 A.M.

MR. LADD

At the above-stated time Colonel Holbrook, G-2, called the writer's office to advise that he had learned that the FBI office in San Francisco had impounded certain motion picture film as taken by civilian photographers in Honolulu, presumably of the attack last Sunday on Honolulu which the War Department is most desirous of having.

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Colonel Holbrook stated that he did not know whether the film was in San Francisco or had been sent to the Bureau at this time. He stated that inasmuch as it is within the province of G-2 to review and censor such film, it would be greatly appreciated by G-2 if they could have this film right away.

Respectfully,

R. R. Roach

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Foxworth \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

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New York, N. Y.  
December 3, 1941

**PERSONAL AND ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~**

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

RE: NAVAL CENSORSHIP OF COMMUNICATIONS

Dear Sir:

In confirmation of the information furnished by me to the Director's office on November 28, 1941, I wish to set forth the data developed on the basis of inquiries made relative thereto.

Mr. Guerin ascertained from Mr. Leonard Jacob II, Assistant Vice President of the International Telephone & Telegraph Company, that the U. S. Navy had rented the 8th and 9th floors of the International Telephone & Telegraph Company building at 67 Broad Street, New York, N. Y. for the purpose of censoring overseas communications. This censorship program would not be instituted however, until the President had so directed. All of the facilities being used by the Navy are considered highly confidential and as a matter of fact special elevators are provided for anyone desiring to proceed to the quarters of the Navy. In addition, a special section of the lunch room is set aside in the building for the use of the Naval employees. Mr. Jacob added that for the past two years the Navy operated a school of instructions concerning censorship of communications where there were about twenty Naval officers in attendance every month. These men, however, are now back on active duty work either at ONI or in other fields of Naval operations, but will be ready for censorship work when the program is started.

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All of the communications companies have had their facilities "piped in" to the Navy quarters in the International Telephone & Telegraph building. This present setup is much better than the one in existence at the same comparable time of the last world war when it was necessary to wait six months or more before the system was ready to be operated. Admiral Cook is in charge of the Unit and Commander Bagley acts as his assistant. The latter, however, is believed to be presently located in [ ] studying the methods of censorship in effect at the present time in that country.

Mr. Jacob also confidentially explained that the Navy has had in attendance at various schools, business men such as bankers, coffee men

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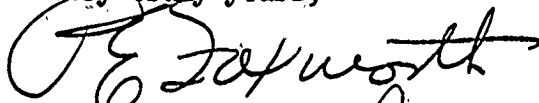
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linen merchants and so forth, in order that these men will be familiar with Navy procedure at the time the censorship program is instituted. In other words, the Naval personnel will perform the actual censorship but subsequent thereto the communications will be turned over to those men who are experienced in the particular business which is believed to be mentioned in the communication in question. It will then be their assignment to determine the true meaning of the message based upon their knowledge of customs and expressions in that particular field.

Although the chief censor will be located in Washington, D. C. there will be other points of censorship in other cities such as San Francisco perhaps New Orleans and Los Angeles. New York City, of course, will be the main point of interest.

I have been informed that there are at the present time only thirty-nine employees assigned to this unit but as I have previously indicated, this number will be augmented when the program is started.

Very truly yours,



P. E. FOXWORTH  
Assistant Director

EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR



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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
**Washington, D. C.**

December 9, 1941

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Miss Gahm ☒  
Miss Gandy ☒

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR**

Re: Censorship - Committee on Basic Policies and Principles

Mr. Gordon of the State Department telephoned. He suggested that the committee give consideration to a proposal for legislation prohibiting the circularization of propaganda in the mails. He would like for this not to be considered an official request of the State Department.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

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Mr. E. A. Tamm ☒  
Mr. Clegg ☒  
Mr. Glavin ☒  
Mr. Ladd ☒  
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Mr. Nease ☒  
Miss Beahm ☒  
Miss Gandy ☒

By reference from the Director's Office I talked with Mr. Butler of Editor and Publisher who had noted in the Washington Post an item about Mr. Hoover being designated as Censor. He wanted to know if this was true.

I told him the Director had been designated to temporarily coordinate the censorship activities until a censor could be named and the organization set up. I told him there was no further comment that could be made at this time.

Respectfully,

L. B. Nichols

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Censorship of Cables

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December 11, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. H. C. SMITH  
CHIEF, SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE UNIT

I am informed that no arrangements have been made for the censorship of mail and other communications of persons interned as enemy aliens on Ellis Island. It is believed advisable with respect to each enemy alien interned that all mail delivered to him be censored prior to such delivery.

It is desired that this matter receive your consideration and that this Bureau be advised of any steps contemplated under which such censorship would be permitted.

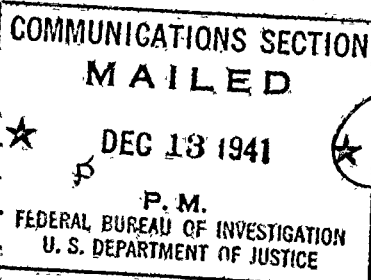
For your information, postal officials at New York City upon being approached concerning possible arrangements for checking mail addressed to enemy aliens declined to make further delivery of any such mail. I thought that you may desire to make arrangements with post office authorities whereby proper and adequate censorship can be handled pending the full consideration and settlement of this question.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_



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DIRECTOR

*Censorship of Captives*

NO ARRANGEMENTS HAD BEEN MADE FOR CENSORSHIP OF MAIL AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS OF PERSONS INTERNED AS ENEMY ALIENS ON ELLIS ISLAND. THIS OFFICE HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS WHEREBY NO COMMUNICATIONS WILL BE FORWARDED BY ANY OF THE INTERNEES WITHOUT FIRST BEING EXAMINED BY A SPECIAL AGENT. IT IS BELIEVED IMPERATIVE THAT ALL INCOMING COMMUNICATIONS TO THESE INTERNEES, WHO ARE CONSIDERED ENEMY ALIENS OF THE US, BE PROPERLY CENSORED BEFORE BEING DELIVERED TO THE ADDRESSEE. POSTAL OFFICIALS, UPON ASCERTAINING THAT IT IS DESIRED TO EXAMINE MAIL PRIOR TO DELIVERY, HAVE DECLINED TO MAKE ANY FURTHER DELIVERIES OF MAIL. IT IS RECOMMENDED ARRANGEMENTS BE EFFECTED POST OFFICE AUTHORITIES TO INSURE PROPER AND ADEQUATE CENSORSHIP OF THIS MAIL. FOR A LIMITED PERIOD OF TIME WE ARE PREPARED, IF NECESSARY, TO ASSUME THIS RESPONSIBILITY, IF POSTAL OFFICIALS WILL AGREE.

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*miss E. M. Smith  
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VIA BUREAU RADIO

DIRECTOR

EXPEDITE. FOR YOUR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION PACKAGE SENT YOU VIA

[REDACTED] TODAY VIA [REDACTED] NO REPORT FROM [REDACTED] WILL ARRIVE

SAN FRANCISCO SOME TIME MORNING DECEMBER FOURTEENTH. HAVE AGENT

SAN FRANCISCO MEET [REDACTED] AND CONTACT [REDACTED] FOR PACKAGE. SUGGEST

YOU DIRECT AGENT SAN FRANCISCO TO FLY TO WASHINGTON WITH THIS PACKAGE

AND NOT TRUST IT TO MAIL. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THIS CABLE BY-----.

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DIRECTOR



Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

December 14, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR:

RE: Censorship, Navy Department

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Foxworth \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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Censorship of Captains

Captain Fenn called. In his conversations with the [redacted] they have been discussing the desirability of establishing Western Hemisphere headquarters in Washington and letting the headquarters organization be in Washington. If this is to become a reality, and we expect to discuss this with the [redacted] Censorship here as soon as an appointment can be made, the two buildings now being occupied in part by Captain Fenn and Major Corderman would be necessary. One is the Old Dominion Building, and the other directly across the street from it, is the Arlington Medical Center Building, both in Clarendon, Virginia.

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I agree

My own reaction is that a decision on this point should rest with Mr. Hoover and not with Captain Fenn. I think that Fenn and Corderman should on the establishment of the censorship organization take charge of Cable and Postal Censorship, respectively, and with no other duties. The quicker the administrative work can be divorced from them the better.

As an aside, the possibility of use by the Government of the [redacted] and of enemy legation buildings in Washington may be of interest to the FBI.

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Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

DECEMBER 14, 1941

Transmit the following message to:

SAC, SAN JUAN  
PUERTO RICO

CENSORSHIP OFFICIALS ARE BEING INSTRUCTED NOT TO CENSOR  
OFFICIAL FBI MAIL. CONFER WITH THEM TO SEE THAT THESE  
INSTRUCTIONS ARE CARRIED OUT.

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Foxworth \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Drayton \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
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DIRECTOR



**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
**Washington, D. C.**  
**December 7, 1941**

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Mr. E. A. Tamm .....  
Mr. Clegg .....  
Mr. Glavin .....  
Mr. Ladd .....  
Mr. Nichols .....  
Mr. Tracy .....  
Mr. Rosen .....  
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Mr. Hendon .....  
Mr. Holloman .....  
Mr. Quinn Tamm .....  
Mr. Nease .....  
Miss Gandy .....  
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

*The Navy is taking over immediately  
all form of overseas communication.*

Respectfully,

*A. Rosen*  
A. ROSEN

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December 9, 1941

Mr. Tolson ☒  
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Mr. Ladd ☒  
Mr. Nichols ☒  
Mr. Tracy ☒  
Mr. Rosen ☐  
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Miss Beahm ☐  
Miss Gandy ☐

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR**

I communicated with Mr. Dolph of the Mutual Broadcasting System, Mr. Harry Butcher of the Columbia Broadcasting System and Mr. Aren of the National Broadcasting Company and explained to them that Mr. Hoover was conducting no censorship of press or radio, that the present program of Mr. Hoover was to coordinate existing practices which, of course, did not include domestic broadcasts and newspapers. They were informed separately that the meetings presently being held were for the purpose of establishing basic policies and principles during a formative period and for the further purpose of setting up a suggested scheme of organization for administering necessary censorship practices due to the wartime emergency.

I told them that Mr. Hoover wanted them assured that if any question arose concerning the affect of any censorship practices on broadcasts they would be informed and would be invited to sit in at the conferences and aid in establishing any plans which they might voluntarily believe to be necessary, that so far as Mr. Hoover knew there were no plans being considered at the moment for any sort of domestic censorship, but if that time came or if their interests were affected, they would be called immediately and their counsel and advice sought.

All of them expressed the opinion that this would be the proper way to handle it and were gratified to learn that this was the situation. Each of them had previously called the Bureau to inquire about the situation and over a period of two days I was finally successful in reaching all of them.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
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United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

December 10, 1941

Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. E. A. Tamm	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Glavin	.....
Mr. Ladd	.....
Mr. Nichols	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Mr. Rosen	.....
Mr. Carson	.....
Mr. Coffey	.....
Mr. Hendon	.....
Mr. Pennington	.....
Mr. Quinn Tamm	.....
Mr. Nease	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

TIME: 3:20 PM.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

At this time Mr. Archibald MacLeish telephoned and asked that the writer take the following information for the Director's consideration. He stated he did not wish to talk to an assistant, but merely wished to leave some information for Mr. Hoover.

Mr. MacLeish said Mr. Hoover would recall that yesterday they discussed about expanding the committee for discussion of the question of the safeguarding of information in government releases. Mr. MacLeish said that after thought on the matter he would like to suggest someone from Colonel Donovan's organization be added; that the Colonel has suggested Robert Sherwood. He said other men he would like to add are Nelson Rockefeller, Lowell Mellett, Ferdinand Kuhn, the Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Treasury who was for twelve years the New York Times representative in Paris and is a very high type of journalist; that if possible he would like to include the information men from the Army and Navy, namely; Admiral Hepburn and General Surles.

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Mr. MacLeish indicated that he realizes that this is a rather large group but he feels that for proper and comprehensive coverage these men should be included on the committee. He said he would like to get Mr. Hoover's approval and comments on this.

Mr. MacLeish also stated that he feels that the radio and press people should be represented and their views should be obtained on the subject of self censorship which will soon be a "hot" matter. Mr. MacLeish said it would be relatively easy to contact the radio people and it has been suggested to him that everyone get together who are on the sub-committee and get the representatives of the various chains to sit in and voice their thoughts. Mr. MacLeish said the meeting could be at 2:30 PM; that a meeting of the small committee as it now exists would be sufficient; namely, Mr. Hoover, Captain Wilkinson, General Miles, and Mr. MacLeish. This committee would meet and hear the views of the people of the radio services. Mr. MacLeish said that after Mr. Hoover had had time to consider the matter he would appreciate a call or word could be

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left with his secretary.

Mr. MacLeish was advised that his message would be given to Mr. Hoover as soon as possible and he would be called later in the afternoon. He indicated that the matter was not pressing and that a call anytime this afternoon would be quite all right.

Respectfully,

*W. H. Marr*

William H. Marr

CC. - Mr. Clegg



Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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December 10, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: CENSORSHIP

Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gahm \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Concerning the attached wire from the National City Bank of New York, the request is that a test word be permitted in messages being dispatched from Manila. The test word shows the amount described in the message and the date the message is sent. This appears to me to be a matter of administration of the cable censorship program being carried on by the Navy Department. I called Captain Fenn and gave him the message. He is communicating with his New York and his Manila representatives, authorizing the use of such test words when the local censors are convinced of their innocence. The National City Bank is being advised to confer with Admiral Cook, 67 Broad Street, who is the New York censor. A telegram is also being sent to the National City Bank.

Captain Fenn advises that he is receiving numerous communications of the same type from all over the country. He believes it to be advisable that he communicate with the telegraph companies, informing them that they may accept communications of this type, which messages of course will be sent through the regular cable and radio dispatch stations where Navy censors are located. If they are dissatisfied as to the import of the code word, they will have to communicate with the sending bank for detailed explanation. I authorized that this be done.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg

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Mr. Coffey  
Mr. Hendon  
Mr. Holloman  
Mr. Quinn Tamm  
Mr. Nease  
Miss Gandy

OUR MANILA BRANCH ASKS US TO INTERCEDE WITH YOU TO  
 AUTHORIZE THE CENSOR AT MANILA TO PERMIT OUR BRANCH  
 THERE TO RECEIVE AND DESPATCH MESSAGES CONTAINING A TEST  
 WORD. THE MESSAGES WILL BE PLAIN ENGLISH COVERING  
 ORDERS FOR PAYMENTS, THE TEST OXXX TEST WORD BEING  
 AN ARTIFICIAL WORD THAT SHOWS THE AMOUNT  
 DESCRIBED IN THE MESSAGE AND THE DATE WHEN THE  
 MESSAGE IS SENT. YOU WILL UNDERSTAND THAT SUCH A TEST IS  
 NECESSARY IN PAYMENT ORDERS TO PREVENT FALSIFICATION OF AMOUNT  
 OF PAYMENTS. THE PRESENT   CENSORSHIP  
 PERMITS, AS DID OUR CENSORSHIP IN THE LAST WAR, USE  
 OF THESE TEST WORDS. AS THE ONLY AMERICAN BANK  
 IN MANILA WE HAVE A VERY HEAVY LOAD OF  
 PAYMENTS TO MAKE AND TO RECEIVE ON ACCOUNT OF COMMERCIAL  
 TRANSACTIONS INCIDENTAL TO AMERICAN GOVERNMENT  
 OPERATIONS THERE. OUR BRANCH MANAGER IN MANILA WILL  
 BE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE ANY CN.

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December 12, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Re: CENSORSHIP

I thought you would be interested in some of the developments in the handling of the censorship problem during today. I received the [redacted] mail. Our instructions from the War Department were to handle this mail, if possible, in such a manner that, in the event an exchange of [redacted] should become advisable, it could be returned to them in as orderly a condition as possible. This requires a [redacted] and a [redacted]

It was noted that there were several copies and issues of the Federal Register and the United States Official Gazette, several editions of the Congressional Record, and Committee Hearings on Un-American Activities. Of particular interest were [redacted] would apparently be an interesting item because it could be expected that they were using this type of [redacted] which may indicate the type of treatment which has been given to [redacted] even with friendly nations in the past. This is speculative but in my opinion very significant.

During the course of the day, administrative rules and regulations were promulgated to the various postal censorship stations located at New York; Miami; San Antonio; San Francisco; San Juan; Cristobal, Canal Zone; Honolulu, T. H.; and Manila, Philippine Islands; with substations at Brownsville, Texas and New Orleans, Louisiana under the San Antonio station, and with substations at Seattle and San Pedro under the San Francisco station. Actual censorship began at 1:05 P.M. this afternoon in New York City with the nucleus of forty employees on the job. Actual censorship began also today at Miami and although confirmation has not been received, it is believed that it started at San Antonio and Los Angeles today also.

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Mr. Tolson [redacted]  
Mr. E. A. Tamm [redacted]  
Mr. Clegg [redacted]  
Mr. Foxworth [redacted]  
Mr. Glavin [redacted]  
Mr. Ladd [redacted]  
Mr. Nichols [redacted]  
Mr. Rosen [redacted]  
Mr. Carson [redacted]  
Mr. Drayton [redacted]  
Mr. Quinn Tamm [redacted]

It was ascertained that complete searching of all travelers who crossed the Mexican Border was not being made and that it would be necessary to make some degree of selectivity for the time being, particularly since so many of the residents in Northern Mexico were employed across the Border in the United States. To conduct a detailed search would have held up the travel lines for an unjustifiable length of time. A meeting has been called with representatives of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and of the State, War, Navy, and Treasury Departments to establish procedure rules during the formative stages which will best serve our immediate purposes.

Miss Gandy

TIME [redacted]  
DATE 12-13-41  
BY [redacted]

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The instructions for no communications to go to the enemies of our nation or to any of the territory occupied by them were made applicable to all foreign embassies in Washington on authority from the State Department. Several problems of coordination arose involving diplomatic communications, conversation by telephone between ministers and their home countries, and conversations in Spanish between certain ministers and the South American countries which they represented. It was discovered that in each instance the policy had been passed upon and the proper instructions had been issued, but had not penetrated into the various communication channels and these matters were handled individually as they arose.

The above are typical of some of the representative problems and the handling of them during the course of the day. I felt that you would be interested in knowing of these developments primarily of policy and coordination.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

WAR DEPARTMENT  
WAR DEPARTMENT GENERAL STAFF  
MILITARY INTELLIGENCE DIVISION G-2  
WASHINGTON

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December 12, 1941

Mr. Tolson.....
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Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Glavin.....
Mr. Ladd.....
Mr. Nichols.....
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Mr. Hendon.....
Mr. Holloman.....
Mr. Quinn Tamm.....
Mr. Nease.....
Miss Gandy.....

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER,  
Acting Director of Censorship.

Subject: Fiscal Estimate for the first month's  
operation of Postal Censorship.

1. In compliance with the request received December 11, 1941, there is attached an estimate of the fiscal requirements for the first month's operations of the Postal Censorship Organization. The total amount estimated to be required is approximately \$1,500,000.00. There is included a statement indicating the maximum number personnel that it is expected will be employed.

2. It is requested that funds in the amount indicated in paragraph 1 above be procured and made available to the War Department for expenditure by the Military Intelligence Division.

*W. Preston Corderman*  
W. PRESTON CORDERMAN,  
Major, G.S.C.,  
Chief, Information Control Branch.

*Major Corderman instructed to apply to Bureau of Budget through War Dept. Channels. 12/17*  
*memo Director 12/17*

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NATIONAL CENSORSHIP - POSTAL

Summary of Fiscal Estimate. - First Month's Operations

Station	Est. Payroll	Est. Exp. Equipment and Supplies	Est. Rental	Est. Total	Est. Total Personnel
New York City	\$96000	\$185300		\$281300	660
Miami	59500	76700	\$500	136700	380
San Antonio	70500	69200		139700	430
Brownsville					
New Orleans					
San Francisco	95000	100700	500	196200	600
Seattle					
San Pedro					
Honolulu	53000	45300		98300	300
Manila	34000	33000		67000	200
San Juan	35500	34800		70300	200
Panama	58000	52300	500	110800	380
TOTAL	\$501500	\$597300	\$1500	\$1100300	3150
Plus 10% for Con- tingencies				\$110000	
Total Required For Field Stations				\$1210300	
National Headquarters				\$225000	
GRAND TOTAL REQUIRED				\$1435300	

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EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR



Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

December 12, 1941

HHC:MET

TIME: 9:50 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I telephoned Mr. Bruce Allen of Western Union in Washington who stated his New York offices had responded that there was no domestic censorship in the United States and that they would be compelled to deliver communications to the embassies of the enemy nations.

I explained to Mr. Allen the set-up, the authority, and instructions for censorship, and that included in these instructions was that no communications whatsoever were to come out of or go into any embassies of enemy nations; that this, of course, must be enforced. I explained that Mr. Hoover wanted this settled on a friendly basis and since Allen had been so cooperative all the way through we would like for him to handle it with the New York Office and if they were unable to accept his recommendation to let me know and I would talk to them personally and explain the necessity. In the meantime no messages whatsoever were to be delivered to any of the enemy embassies.

Mr. Allen stated he appreciated the opportunity to make the appeal to New York himself and that if he was unsuccessful he would call me.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg

Allen later called -  
now handled OK. as requested.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
5 DEC 17 1941
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg ☒ \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Tour Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Beahm \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Censorship of radio etc.

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December 11, 1941

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Call: 7:05 p.m.  
Dictated 7:10 p.m.

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Respectfully,

ADDENDUM: Call 7:35 - Dictated 7:40

Mr. In accordance with your instructions, I called  
Mr. SAC McKee at the Washington Field Office and  
Mr. advised him of the above information and  
Mr. desires of the State Department. He stated  
Mr. that two Agents will be immediately assigned to

H. H. Kimball

and that

Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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PERSONAL AND STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

Captain H. K. Fenn  
Office of Naval Intelligence  
Arlington Medical Center Building  
Clarendon, Virginia

Dear Captain Fenn:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter addressed to me by Mr. Milo Perkins, Executive Director of the Economic Defense Board, in which Mr. Perkins points out certain desires of the Economic Defense Board in connection with those phases of censorship bearing on economic warfare. I am forwarding this letter as of assistance to you in formulating censorship practices based upon a knowledge of what should be looked for in the censorship process.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosure

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_
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- Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Holloman \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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ECONOMIC DEFENSE BOARD  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. E. A. Tamm.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Glavin.....
Mr. Ladd.....
Mr. Nichols.....
Mr. Tracy.....
Mr. Rosen.....
Mr. Carson.....
Mr. Coffey.....
Mr. Hendon.....
Mr. Holloman.....
Mr. Quinn Tamm.....
Mr. Nease.....
Miss Gandy.....

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C..

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I wish to thank you for your note of December 9 and the enclosed draft of basic principles and policies for the censorship of international communications.

I am in accord with the proposed draft of principles.

For the information of your committee, I offer the following suggestions as to the needs of the Economic Defense Board with respect to any system of censorship of international communications.

To tighten up the system of export controls, the Economic Defense Board should receive from the censorship organization all information pertaining to any of the nationals on the Proclaimed List or such other persons as the Economic Defense Board may designate. Such information is particularly necessary in order to prevent the evasion of the Proclaimed List through the use by blocked nationals of third parties or "cloaks". The need of the Economic Defense Board for information of this character obviously overlaps to some degree the need of the Treasury Department for information with respect to transactions involving foreign funds under control. Appropriate liaison and procedure should be worked out between the Economic Defense Board, the State Department, and the Treasury Department on one hand, and the censorship organization on the other, in order that each of the agencies may receive the desired information as expeditiously as possible and without conflict. Arrangements with the censorship organization must necessarily be worked out in view of the cooperative procedures in effect between the three interested agencies.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

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In addition to information of this character the Economic Defense Board should be advised of all information obtained through the censorship with respect to economic conditions prevailing within designated foreign countries. It is desired that a comprehensive economic intelligence system be set up to serve as the basis for the formulation of economic policy and the execution of the foreign trade program. As the [ ] experience indicates, information relating to the formulation and conduct of economic warfare will constitute about 50% of the valuable information secured through the censorship.

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The Economic Defense Board also requires appropriate procedures whereby transactions which are approved by it and constitute a necessary part of the economic defense program will not be unduly impeded or delayed by the operations of the censoring authority. Some sort of clearance should be worked out for the expedition, for example, of correspondence relating to approved transactions with the Latin American countries.

Finally, the Economic Defense Board desires that the censorship shall effect an adequate control over the dissemination of technical information relating to industrial and productive processes which, if permitted to leave the country, may be of aid to the enemy. Existing controls, since they do not include postal censorship, have failed to put a stop to the exportation of such information.

I hope that the Economic Defense Board may be represented on any sub-committee or in any discussions which have reference to working out policies and procedures to handle the problems outlined above.

Very truly yours,

*Milo Perkins*

Executive Director



December 13, 1941

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The Honorable  
The Secretary of War  
Washington, D. C.

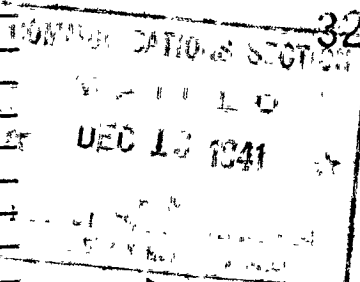
My dear Mr. Secretary:

As you are aware, I have been designated by the President to take charge of censorship for a temporary period and until other plans are completed. Recognizing that the War Department has made plans and also prepared to initiate a postal censorship, I have authorized Major W. P. Corderman of the War Department who has been assigned by the Military Intelligence Division of the War Department to the task of censorship planning to immediately begin the postal censorship of all incoming, outgoing, and in-transit international mail.

Due to urgent necessity, I instructed Major Corderman to begin these activities at once.

Due to further necessity, I have authorized Major Corderman to seek his personnel from those who were qualified and have received previous training, regardless of their status with Civil Service or otherwise. I have further requested the issuance of an Executive Order to authorize the selection of personnel for the censorship work without regard to Civil Service status.

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
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The Honorable  
The Secretary of War

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December 13, 1941

Upon authorization from the Postmaster General, as chairman of the committee looking into matters of this type, I have requested Major Corderman to make inquiries, through proper War Department channels, of the Bureau of the Budget as to the source of funds to carry out the censorship activities. I have requested Major Corderman to prepare the estimates as to immediate needs in the way of finances so that through the regular channels of War Department procedure, this request could be transmitted to the Budget Bureau.

I felt that you should be informed of the status of this situation. I have communicated with General Miles of the Military Intelligence Division and have advised him of the designation of Major Corderman to handle these assignments. It would be appreciated if the proper War Department approval of the above procedures could be expedited.

Sincerely yours,

Walter D. Brown

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR



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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.**

December 9, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

Mr. Tolson ☒  
Mr. E. A. Tamm ☒  
Mr. Clegg ☒  
Mr. Glavin ☒  
Mr. Ladd ☒  
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Tele. Room ☒  
Toll Room ☒  
Mr. Nease ☒  
Miss Beahm ☒  
Miss Gandy ☒

In a conversation I have just had with Jim Strebig he was talking about the way the Bureau has been clicking and stated he had just heard off the record, in the strictest of confidence, about the boss's new job. I asked him what new job. He said censorship. I, of course, expressed surprise.

He then stated that Admiral Hepburn had given this out in an "off the record" interview with the press yesterday.

Respectfully,

*LBN*  
L. B. Nichols

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR



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United States Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

December 12, 1941

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Received: 11:45 a.m.

Dictated: 12:30 p.m.

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg ☒ \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
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Tour Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Basham \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Postal Censorship and Diplomatic  
Immunity from Censorship

Major Corderman called. He has read the draft of diplomatic immunity instructions prepared by the State Department. Major Corderman is of the opinion that there are certain things that need modification, as follows:

1. The statement was made that the communications signed by diplomatic officials whose names were furnished by the head of a mission would be exempted. Corderman was of the opinion that this should be limited to four or five specifically named people and I called Mr. Gordon of the State Department and he agreed and Corderman was notified of this agreement.

2. Corderman also noted that not as an obligation but as a courtesy consular mail was to be exempted. Corderman suggested that there need not be any mention of consular mail; and, if they decided as a matter of courtesy to exempt any, they might, and, if they decided it needed examination, they could examine it. Mr. Gordon said this was indeed a matter for discussion and I informed him that we could discuss with Major Corderman in regard to this matter at a mutually convenient time. In the meantime no diplomatic immunity instructions are being sent to the various embassies until official notice is given, that Army, Navy and FBI are in agreement, and certainly not until after the bill has actually passed.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Captain T. S. Wilkinson  
Director of Naval Intelligence  
Navy Department  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Captain Wilkinson:

You will recall that there has been discussion recently at a conference on censorship relative to radio broadcasters describing the weather in Manila. This problem has been referred to officials of the National Broadcasting Company, the Columbia Broadcasting System, and the Mutual Broadcasting System. Officials of these companies have indicated that they would welcome and invite a conference in any of the combat zones or elsewhere in order to receive advice as to what information should not be disclosed and that they desired to cooperate fully.

In the event you find it necessary or advisable to accept this invitation, I want to inform you that officials of these broadcasting organizations have expressed themselves as favorable to such conferences.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Brigadier General Sherman Miles  
Assistant Chief of Staff  
G-2, War Department  
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Miles:

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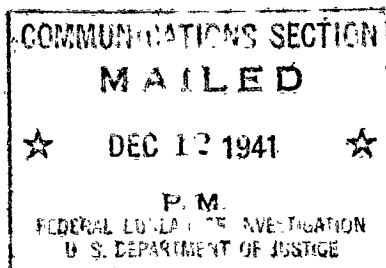
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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Mr. Quinn Tamm ☐  
Mr. Nease ☐  
Miss Gandy ☐

BY SPECIAL MESSENGER



**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.**

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December 11, 1941

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. E. A. Tamm	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
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Tele. Room	
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Miss Gandy	

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR**

Concerning the report that news broadcasts from Manila to the effect that weather conditions were good, the moon was shining brightly, and there were no clouds in the sky, and the further report from Military and Naval authorities, Captain Fenn and Major Corderman, that such information was of interest and aid to the enemy, I telephonically communicated with the following on December 10th with the following results:

Mr. Dolph, Mutual Broadcasting System, stated he was in thorough agreement that such messages should not be given over the radio from any combat zone; and that he would appreciate it if the Army and Navy authorities in Manila, Hawaii, and other points where such information should be suppressed, would call on the broadcasting representatives and explain the problem and express their wishes; that the broadcasting companies and the broadcasters would appreciate this cooperation. This information was made known to Captain Fenn and Major Corderman.

Mr. Harry Butcher, Columbia Broadcasting System, advised that he was issuing instructions to exert the utmost care, quoting at length from the President's speech the night before that responsibility rested on the press and radio to be careful in the news they dispensed, not to create undue excitement, not to give false information, and not to contribute to hysteria. He is also communicating with his broadcasters telling them not to give out information concerning weather. He would appreciate Army and Navy authorities in combat zones advising the broadcasters as to their wishes.

I talked to Mr. Aren of the National Broadcasting Company. He, too, stated he would welcome Army and Navy authorities coming to their broadcasters in any place where information might be given out that is undesirable and advising them.

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The attitude of the broadcasters has been made known to Captain Fenn and Major Corderman, and there is attached hereto a communication to General Miles and Captain Wilkinson.

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Commander Walker in Captain Wilkinson's office telephoned last night and stated Captain Fern had prepared a telegram to Naval authorities in Manila advising them that they should confer with the Broadcasting companies along the lines required. Commander Walker stated that they were very busy in actual combat in Manila and it was his opinion this instruction would merely add additional burden on the staff and was one additional detail that would have to be handled. Commander Walker inquired if I thought the telegram should go through. I told him I had arranged with the broadcasting officials here whereby an invitation was forthcoming from them for such conferences if desired, but the question of desirability rested with the Military and Naval authorities. He indicated that he might not send the message.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg



VIA LINES

December 14, 1941

SAC JUNEAU

MONITOR ARMY RADIO STATION DURING BLACKOUT AND ADVISE EXTENT OPERATION  
IN ORDER TO DETERMINE OUR POLICY. IN MEANTIME OBSERVE LOCAL INSTRUCTIONS  
FROM PROPER AUTHORITIES.

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Send via Bureau Radio

Double Code.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

TO: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

December 14, 1941

Transmit the following message to: SAC SAN JUAN, HONOLULU, AND SAN DIEGO

ADVISE WHO ORDERS BLACKOUTS AND IF THEY SPECIFICALLY ORDERED YOUR STATION  
SILENT. DO ARMY/NAVY STATIONS YOUR VICINITY OPERATE THROUGH SUCH PERIODS.  
FOR NEXT SEVERAL DAYS MONITOR LOCAL ARMY OR NAVY DURING BLACKOUTS AND  
ADVISE. IN MEANTIME OBSERVE LOCAL INSTRUCTIONS FROM PROPER AUTHORITIES.

HOOVER

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_ Send San Diego copy plain text via teletypewriter

Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_ Send others via Bureau Radio and double code.

Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_

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Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_

Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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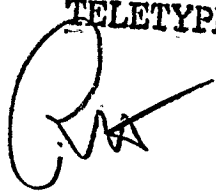
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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

New York, New York

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December 17, 1941

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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: [redacted] NEW YORK CITY

Dear Sir:

There are being forwarded to the Bureau herewith  
an additional group of [redacted]  
New York City which are being transmitted to the Bureau for  
its information.

A copy of these [redacted] in this  
Division and in the event any information of value is ascer-  
tained therefrom it will be immediately telephonically communi-  
cated to the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

*P. E. Foxworth*

P. E. FOXWORTH  
Assistant Director

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
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Re: **Russian Diplomatic**

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Examination requested by: **New York**

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Examination by: **Holland**

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RETEL THIS DATE CONCERNING CONTACT WITH ALL TELEPHONE COMPANIES, TELEGRAPH COMPANIES TO ISXX DISTXXX DISCONTINUE ALL TELEPHONIC AND TELEGRAPHIC COMMUNICATIONS BY JAPANESE TO ANY POINT OUTSIDE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES. ARRANGEMENTS MADE WITH C H CARROLL, GENERAL MANAGER, SOUTHERN DISTRICT, WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY AND WITH G C REAL, GENERAL MANAGER, POSTAL TELEGRAPH COMPANY FOR SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT TO TXX STOP SUCH COMMUNICATIONS IN STATES KENTUCKY, VIRGINIA, NORTH CAROLINA, SOUTH CAROLINA, GEORGIA, FLORIDA TENNESSEE, MISSISSIPI AND ALABAMA. ARRANGEMENTS MADE WITH SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY TO STOP ALL COMMUNICATIONS BY ALL JAPANESE FOR ENTIRE TERRITORY COVERED BY THAT COMPANY, INCLUDING ALL THE SOUTHERN STATES.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
**Washington, D. C.**  
**December 8, 1941**

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Time: 6:30 p.m.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TAMM

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Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Drayton \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
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Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

In a telephonic conversation with SAC Kitchin of Dallas I asked him if that office had experienced any difficulty in complying with the telegram sent them concerning the arrangements that are to be made with the telephone companies. Kitchin stated that they experienced no difficulty in stopping these calls from clearing into Mexico. Kitchin stated there are only two lines over which one can call from one country to the other. These lines are the Erickson and Mexican. In order to communicate with Mexico over these lines it must go through Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, and, as Kitchin had a very good friend working there, he had no trouble with the instructions.

I asked Mr. Kitchin just how this worked. Kitchin answered that if a Japanese attempts to place a call from the United States to Mexico he is stopped. Kitchin advised that all calls placed by Japanese in Mexico to the United States have also been stopped. I asked Mr. Kitchin how they were able to identify a Japanese person over the telephone. He replied that if he gives a Japanese name, the call is stopped. Kitchin stated that if the person has a brogue and gives a common name, they do not know what should be done. If a person calls a Japanese, they stop the call. Kitchin stated that a call to San Francisco had been stopped and two to New York were also stopped.

I asked Mr. Kitchin if he arranged for the stoppage of communications other than by telephone. Kitchin stated they have arranged the stopping of telegrams with both Western Union and Postal Telegraph. The only telegrams being sent by Japanese are placed by diplomats who are required to show their credentials.

Respectfully,  
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Honorable Herbert E. Gaston  
Assistant Secretary in Charge of Coast Guard,  
Narcotics and Secret Service  
Treasury Department  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Gaston: —

I have been greatly concerned about the possible transmittal of communications inimical to the [redacted]

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As you know, there has been some discussion of this problem, and it was on Saturday afternoon, December 13th the subject of consideration by the Organization and Operations Subcommittee on Censorship.

I would like to have effected the closest possible watch on communications carried by travelers [redacted]

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It is realized that such a watch must be maintained in a manner consistent with the views of the State Department with respect to the accessibility of travel [redacted] I feel that every possible effort should be extended to implement the examinations of communications carried by travelers from the censorship standpoint. The situation calls for the [redacted]

You may be sure that the greatest possible cooperation may be expected from me in any efforts intended to increase the effectiveness of travelers' censorship on the [redacted]

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

I felt that you would be interested in some of the more recent developments in the censorship program. Since my latest communication on this subject a conference has been held with representatives of the [ ] and a definite liaison has been established with them. They have submitted a suggestion that there be established one distribution center in the United States to which the [ ] censors would send their pertinent intercepts and this could serve as a distribution center for both [ ] and American censorship work. They have also offered the services of some of their personnel to come to the United States to assist in initiating the operational program and to serve as a liaison between the [ ] and American establishments. They have shown a wholehearted desire to cooperate to the fullest possible extent and are even now issuing instructions for four or five of their representatives to come to the United States to be of assistance during the formative period.

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There is one problem in particular that I desire to call to your attention. There are [ ]

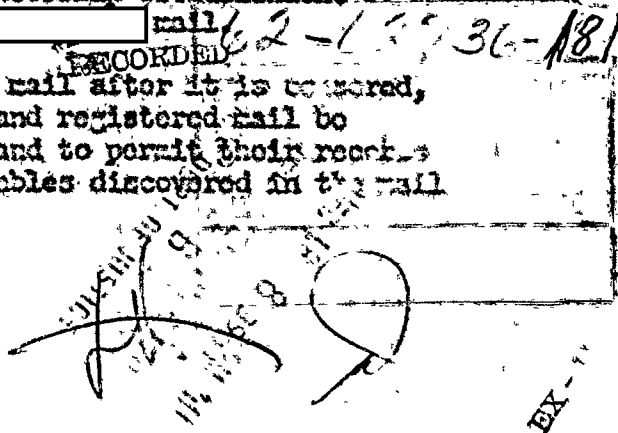
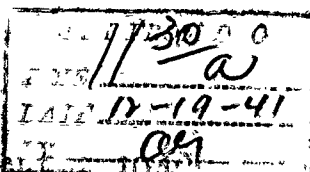
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[ ] now in storage at various [ ] have indicated that their seventy-five censors now at [ ] have but little work to do and were willing to offer their services in the event these mail [ ] could be sent to [ ] for censoring. They have offered to permit supervision of their work by representatives from the United States. In view of the small number of trained censors or examiners in this country at present, there may be some advantage in making use of these trained [ ] censors who, because of their facilities and equipment in [ ] would be unable to come to the United States to do this work. However, I would not be willing to recommend that this procedure be followed or transporting the mail to [ ] for examination without at least five supervisors from the American postal censorship establishment being present during the censoring of this [ ] mail.

Concerning the disposition of the mail after it is censored, a recommendation has been made that insured and registered mail be returned to the post office for disposition and to permit their records to be brought up to date and that other valuables discovered in the mail

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be turned over to the Director of the Alien Property Division. It is felt that the remainder of the mail [redacted] unless it has some value to the intelligence or government agencies.

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Complaints have been received from military authorities that radio broadcasters at Manila and Hawaii announced the condition of the weather at the time of their broadcasts which would result in information of value being furnished to the enemy. The three major broadcasting companies were contacted for their suggestions and they voluntarily agreed to communicate with their representatives to be careful to avoid making statements which would give aid to the enemy and further instructing them to confer with military authorities for advice.

During the past two days I have been able to assist in clearing up some misunderstandings on the part of individual censors who were not following the general policies which had been established. For example, in New York it was found that the [redacted] were holding up [redacted] messages, contrary to instructions, to and from the Vichy Government and the French Ambassador in Washington. At San Francisco the Russian Consul General complained that he had been unable to get messages out to his own country during a previous brief period and again it was found that the Navy Department censors were acting contrary to instructions issued to them. There was a further report that at Nogales, Arizona, the customs officials were prohibiting newspapers and magazines from being distributed across the border and the customs officials were requested to make an investigation of this report. In the other instances through the assistance of FBI agents at New York and San Francisco the matters were cleared up within a reasonable length of time after the complaints had been made.

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The following message prepared by the Chief Engineer of the Federal Communications Commission and by the Chief Naval Censor has been dispatched to all the naval censorship stations:

"Instruct all radio companies to discontinue all transmissions except test letter "V" or series of dots, and stations' own call letters which are intended for reception in enemy territory. This prohibits the transmission of other call letters, "Z" signals, and other operating signals, service messages, and all other communications to such territory."

In the meantime there has been a meeting of the Subcommittee on Organization and Operations in order to clarify instructions issued and to pass on questions concerning operation and jurisdiction.

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Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

I am glad to enclose herewith a list of the censorship and related practices now in existence for your information and in order to bring your records up to date.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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Transmit the following message to:

CAC NEW YORK

RETEL THIRTEENTH CONCERNING/RADIO CABLE CENSORSHIP BY U. S. NAVY CAPTAIN FEEN  
IN CHARGE/NAVAL CENSORSHIP HAS INSTRUCTED THESE/PRIVATE LEASED WIRES TO HAVANA  
BE CENSORED. HE IS TODAY ISSUING INSTRUCTIONS THAT HIS PREVIOUS INSTRUCTIONS  
BE CARRIED OUT REQUIRING CENSORSHIP.

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Initialed in Director's Office

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*Capt Feen do advise at  
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DIRECTOR

RADIO AND CABLE CENSORSHIP BY US NAVY. FOLLOWING TELETYPE RECEIVED YESTERDAY BY LT COMMANDER A B BAGLEY, US NAVY, NY, QUOTE FBI DESIRES CENSORSHIP ON PRIVATE WIRES TO HAVANA MAINTAINED BY MERRIL LYNCH PIERCE FENNER AND BEANE AND BY THOMPSON AND MCKENNON. THESE ARE TELEGRAPH WIRES AND NOT TELETYPE CIRCUITS. SUGGEST RELIABLE ENLISTED MAN STATIONED IN EACH OFFICE OBTAIN COPIES OF EVERYTHING PASSING OVER THEIR WIRES AND THAT YOUR OFFICERS WATCH CAREFULLY THE TRAFFIC OF LOBO AND CO NINETY NINE WALL ST. WE MAY EITHER RELAX THIS CENSORSHIP LATER OR HAVE THE WIRES PULLED OUT IF YOU REPORT THIS ACTION SUSPICIOUS. UNQUOTE. COMPANIES NAMED HAVE DIRECT PRIVATE WIRES FROM OFFICES HERE TO SOUTHERN COAST, PROBABLY KEY WEST, FROM WHICH POINT MESSAGE PRIVATELY CABLED TO HAVANA. THESE MESSAGES DO NOT CLEAR THROUGH COMMERCIAL AGENCIES. SUCH TRAFFIC WAS ORIGINALLY SUSPENDED BY NAVY BUT THIS ORDER WAS RESCINDED APPROXIMATELY EIGHT HOURS LATER ON DEC EIGHTH PRESUMABLY BECAUSE ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR MONITORING OF MESSAGES. COMMANDER BAGLEY ADVISES SHORTAGE OF PERSONNEL PRECLUDED COMPLIANCE WITH REQUEST IN TELETYPE INASMUCH AS WORK REQUESTED WOULD REQUIRE SERVICES OF EIGHT OFFICERS AND SPOT CHECKS WOULD BE FUTILE BECAUSE OF SHORTAGE ONLY IN OBTAINING INNOCUOUS MATERIAL: ONLY ALTERNATIVE PROCEDURE

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SUGGESTED WOULD BE TO AGAIN SUSPEND SERVICE IF SUCH ACTION JUSTIFIED. IN VIEW OF CIRCUMSTANCES CITED, BUREAU REQUESTED TO ADVISE IF SATISFACTORY FOR PRIVATE WIRE SERVICE TO CONTINUE AT THIS TIME OR IN EVENT SUCH MESSAGES ARE NOT BEING MONITORED TO GIVE CONSIDERATION TO ALTERNATIVE PROCEDURE SUGGESTED ABOVE.

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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] AND RADIO IN  
NEW YORK CITY

Dear Sir:

There is being transmitted herewith a  
[REDACTED] which was dispatched at Washington, D. C.  
on December 11, 1941 at 5:15 A.M., addressed to the  
[REDACTED]  
of the [REDACTED]

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This is being forwarded to the Bureau  
separate from the other [REDACTED] and radio messages, inasmuch  
as it is believed that the Bureau may desire to give this  
immediate and preferred attention.

Very truly yours,

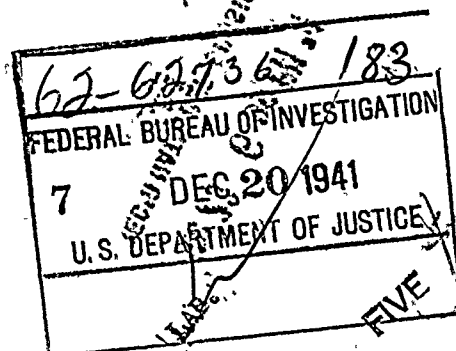
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Mr. J. E. Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re:  IN NEW YORK CITY

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with your request that I obtain detailed information concerning the Censorship Section of the Navy Department, which is being set up in New York City, Special Agent E. F. ENRICH of this Division had occasion to meet Admiral H. D. COOKE, who is a Naval Officer in charge of this project through Lieutenant JOHN MURPHY of ONI. At the time of this meeting, Admiral COOKE informed Agent ENRICH as to the complete details of their anticipated activities, together with the personnel which they will use for these operations.

Admiral COOKE advised that he is to be assisted in the administration of the organization by Captain H. E. SHOEMAKER and that Lieutenant Commander BAGLEY will be his Operations Officer and Lieutenant PAUL HOUSTON, formerly of the Buffalo Police Department will be the latter's assistant. He indicated that for the past four weeks, Lieutenant Commander BAGLEY has been in  with the man in charge of  censorship and they have made a complete study of the censorship activities carried on there so that they might place in operation in this country any applicable phases of these censorship activities. He stated that at such time as they commence their operations, there will be employed in that office 237 Naval Officers as well as 99 enlisted men and in addition 900 to 1000 civilian employees.

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According to Admiral COOKE's statements, it will be the duty of his office to censor all international cables and radio messages emanating from the east coast as well as to censor all foreign telephone calls, with the exception of those calls placed to Canada or Mexico, which censorship will be under the direction of the United States Army. He mentioned further that the Army will

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*my* likewise have control over the censorship of domestic wires and telegraphic communications, as well as mail censorship. It was stated that the United States Army is setting up an office to handle this censorship in the main Post Office Building, 8th Avenue and 31st Street, New York City and these activities will be under the direction of Major COMPTON, who is presently located in Room 1003 at 90 Church Street, New York City.

It might be mentioned at this point that the Navy Censorship organization now occupies four complete floors in the International Telegraph and Telephone Company building at 67 Broad Street, New York City. It might be noted that the offices of Mackay Radio and All American Cable Company are likewise located in this building whereas RCA Radio Company offices are located directly across the street from the International Telegraph and Telephone Company building. He mentioned that when they commence their operations, it is expected that it will be necessary for them to censor approximately 40,000 messages a day and all these messages that are sent out will be appropriately classified as to the sending individual or firm and indexed in their office. He mentioned that their entire sixth and seventh floors will be turned over to the receiving of these messages for censorship and the actual censorship and evaluation work will be supervised by one or more inspectors to work directly in each of the telegraph or cable offices to whom all foreign messages will be turned over and he in turn will have them sent into the censorship office.

With regard to the Mackay Radio messages and All American Cable messages, they have constructed a belt carrier from the cable and radio offices into their censorship division located in the same building, which belt carrier will be used to transmit these messages directly. With regard to the RCA messages, they have constructed a tube like carrier which will be used to transmit the messages from the RCA office located across the street into the censorship division.

*my* Admiral COOKE advised that in addition to the office in New York City, they will have similar censorship offices located at Miami, Florida, New Orleans, Louisiana, Galveston, Texas, San Francisco, California, San Juan, Porto Rico and Honolulu, T.H.

According to their present arrangements, prior to the time that any message is sent out either by radio or cable, the original

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of that message is transmitted into the censorship office where the message will be carefully studied and in some cases paraphrased in order to destroy any word distribution code message hidden therein and will be approved and returned to the radio or cable office after six copies thereof will have been made. He advised that in the transmission of radio or cable messages, they will permit the use of ten commercial codes, but, other code messages which are unknown to them will not be approved for sending and will undoubtedly be referred to a number of crypto-analyzers, who are presently being trained in Washington, D.C. and will be located in their office.

While in conversation with Lieutenant PAUL HOUSTON he mentioned that all foreign telephone messages will be recorded and that they at the present time have all their recording devices set up so that within a short period of time they can immediately commence their activities along this line.

Admiral COOKE advised that at the present time, there is a bill being considered by the United States Senate which will completely divorce the censorship division of both the Army and the Navy from those respective units and make them a separate organization. He pointed out, however, that in either event, it will be his desire to cooperate in every manner possible with the F.B.I. and it is his intention to establish a close liaison from the outset and he will make available to this Division cables, radio messages or telephone recordings on any individuals in which this Division has indicated to him their interest.

It might be mentioned that at the present time there are no censorship activities taking place at the Naval censorship office, but, from conversations with Admiral COOKE and Lieutenant HOUSTON, it is understood that they are merely making certain checks to determine the volume of radio and cable messages being sent to certain foreign countries in connection with which activities they are of course in a position to note the content of certain of the messages being transmitted through those channels.

Very truly yours,



P. E. FOXWORTH  
Assistant Director

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR



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Time: 9:43 a.m.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

At 9:35 A.M. Mr. Jett of the FCC telephoned. In-  
structions had been received by Mr. Fly from Mr. Breckinridge Long  
of the State Department to cut off all communications in both  
directions with Germany and Italy. Mr. Jett inquired if the FBI  
would take the same steps in Washington with the telegraph com-  
panies that were taken with respect to the Japanese in order to  
see that no messages go out from Washington to Germany or Italy  
and that no messages are delivered to the embassies from Germany  
or Italy. At 9:37 A.M. I talked to SAC McKee at the Washington  
Field Office and issued instructions to this effect:

0 Censorship of mail  
Contact RCA, Postal Telegraph, and Western Union to  
stop all communications in both directions with Germany and Italy,  
not even to allow any communications to be delivered to the  
German and Italian embassies.

At 9:40 A.M. I telephoned Captain Fenn and advised  
him that these instructions had been received and that if he had  
any inquiries to make, he should communicate with Mr. Jett at  
the FCC.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg

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United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

December 12, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: CENSORSHIP IN THE PHILIPPINES

Captain Fenn called. The Army has full censorship including the press in practice in the Philippines. Inquiry has been received from the cable offices there as to whether they shall handle only Government business as at present or accept commercial and personal business. I inquired whether commercial and personal messages would be censored. He stated there would be a 100 per cent strict censorship of all of it. I asked if he saw any objections then to approving messages going through. He stated he could not unless advised to the contrary that they should be considered acceptable.

Since Bangkok was under Japanese control, as was Thailand, he wondered if he should stop a message sent to Bangkok. I told him definitely he should stop any messages addressed to Japanese occupied territory.

Respectfully,

*H. H. Clegg*  
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Concerning the Director's inquiry relative to a message prepared by Mr. Jett and Captain Fenn yesterday about those signals which could be heard in enemy territory, Captain Fenn had maintained that it was his belief that these stations should be occasionally tested in the event any branch of the Government wanted to communicate with the enemy territory. I did not know of Fenn's contention since this arose in a private discussion between Fenn and Jett.

I talked with Mr. Jett. He could see no reason for the communications going out intended for enemy territory unless the State Department wanted it done. If the State Department did not desire this done, he suggested the following message to go out from Captain Fenn to all radio and cable censors:

"Cease all signals or communications intended for reception in enemy territory. While permission was granted yesterday to transmit either test letter "V" or series of dots and stations' own call letters, it is now determined to be unnecessary to maintain such activity for the benefit of receiving stations in enemy territory." By enemy territory is meant countries with which the United States is at war or territory occupied by these countries. Enemy territory specifically does not include Vichy France Government or Finland. Also, it is still desired that official communications heretofore authorized between New York and Rome be continued as per instructions.

The phraseology not in quotations is my own in accordance with the expression the State Department desires. The entire script was read to Dr. DeWolf of the Communications Section of the State Department who checked it with State Department officials and advised that it was approved as read.

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*Still can't see why there should be any "testing" for contact with enemy countries.*

*0 (in copy of cables)  
\*test signals*

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At 6:05 P.M., I telephoned Captain Fenn. I dictated to him and he repeated to a stenographer the phraseology.

He stated that the substance of this had already gone out earlier in the day - had been dispatched by him. It stopped all communications with enemy territory and all signals with enemy territory. It did not stop the use of the letter "V" which is merely the method of opening communications to see that the sender's machinery is in good shape, but since no communications would be sent to enemy territory, there would be no necessity arising whatsoever for using the letter "V" to enemy territory.~ He felt that to further send this phraseology would confuse the censors when the substance of it in even greater detail, (listing all the enemy countries and all the enemy occupied countries and exempting all the neutral countries and those friendly to or allied with the United States,) was now understood and further use of this phraseology would be confusing since it was now being carried out and I could report that the instructions were being followed.

Respectfully,



H. H. Clegg



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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

December 17, 1941

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: CENSORSHIP - STATE

In view of the instructions of Mr. Breckinridge Long of the State Department (see Mr. Ladd's memorandum of December 15), I instructed Captain Fenn:

1. To stop all test signals from the RCA station in San Francisco with Tokio or any other part of Japan or Japanese occupied territory;
2. To discontinue all "Z" signals;
3. To stop any communications with Japan.

Captain Fenn stated he would do this immediately.

Shortly after 2:00 P. M., Mr. Jett, attending a conference in this office, received a call from FCC indicating that many of the broadcasting stations had interpreted this as closing down their stations. Mr. Jett inquired as to what had happened. Captain Fenn read his instructions to his stations based on my telephone call. Mr. Jett then explained that the "Z" signals were used to test the fact that they were in communication with the receiving station desired and also to test the strength, weakness or power of the signals. It was indicated to Mr. Jett that what was desired was to stop the "Z" signals to Japan and enemy territory. Mr. Jett and Captain Fenn together prepared the following phraseology which Captain Fenn immediately telephoned to his office for immediate transmittal to all his censorship stations. This message was preceded by instructions to cancel the previous instructions and to substitute the following:

"Instruct all radio companies to discontinue all transmissions except test letter 'V' or series of dots, and stations' own call letters which are intended for reception in enemy territory. This prohibits the transmission of other call letters, 'Z' signals, and other operating signals, service messages, and all other communications to such territory."

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*I still don't understand reason for test signals being sent to enemy countries. H. J.*

*Censorship of cables  
\*Test signals*



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Mr. Jett advised that this would permit the required test signaling and would prevent communications with the enemy or territory occupied by the enemy.

Respectfully,



H. H. Clegg

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR



**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.**

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December 16, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: CENSORSHIP - NAVY DEPARTMENT

Concerning the attached communication that "Z" signals were being transmitted between the United States and Japan, I called Captain Fenn and he stated that this matter had been taken up with the State Department and they insisted that this circuit keep open and that these signals should be allowed. These signals are used for testing purposes only. You will notice that the State Department has approved their use.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg

*Just why should  
this continue? Is it  
of any danger to our  
Nat. Defense?*

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR



Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

DML:WGR  
Received: 7:30 P.M.  
Transcribed: 7:45 P.M.

December 15, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

By reference from your office, I talked to Mr. Breckinridge Long of the State Department who called in connection with a letter which had been sent to Mr. Berle of the State Department relative to communications with Tokyo by RCA in San Francisco, the sending of what are known as the letter "Z" signals, and purportedly having been done with the consent of the State Department.

Mr. Long stated that in the first place the State Department never authorized or gave their consent to sending these messages. He stated that it seems that McNamee (phonetic) in New York authorized the sending of these signals by the Globe Wireless, acting through RCA.

Mr. Long stated that the last paragraph of the letter to Mr. Berle from the Bureau indicates what the State Department wants done. The State Department wants signals stopped from that station, wants "Z" signals as well as any other signals stopped, and any communications with Japan should be stopped.

Mr. Long stated that he thought this was a matter of such importance that he would liked to have discussed it with you personally, but inasmuch as you were not in your office, requested that I give this message to you. I told him it would be brought to your attention.

Respectfully,

D. M. Ladd

*Has this been done?  
Let me know when, so  
I can advise State.*

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*[Signature]*



Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.  
December 12, 1941

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Received: 11:45 a.m.

Dictated: 12:18 p.m.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: *Postal Censorship*

*Censorship of cables.*

Major Corderman stated that within the next month about 600 employees would be added to the postal censorship establishment in New York City. Some of the employees are known to the officials of censorship in New York and will be added promptly without investigation. There will be four other stations in addition to San Juan and Hawaii. He is unable to estimate the number of investigations which will be necessary, but New York will definitely be the largest establishment according to the present indications. He wondered if the FBI could investigate those whose names were specifically referred for investigation. I conferred with Mr. Tamm who agreed that so long as the Director was in charge of censorship, it did not appear that it affected the delimitation of jurisdiction agreement and that within the estimates of approximately 1200, the Bureau would start the investigations and further decision can be made after that time as to future investigations. I notified Major Corderman that the FBI would investigate the first 1200 of those who might be employed for censorship work so long as Mr. Hoover was in charge of this type of activity.

Respectfully,

*H. H. Clegg*  
H. H. Clegg

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Time - 6:14 PM

December 16, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON  
MR. TAMM  
MR. LADD  
MR. CLEGG

Mr. Breckinridge Long called me at this time and stated that they have been very much concerned because the [ ] has been complaining to the State Department that their communications were being interfered with. Mr. Long stated that they have very delicate negotiations with the [ ] and it is necessary from their point of view that the [ ] has access to communications from its Government. Mr. Long stated the Ambassador came in today at 4 PM and said he could not get messages that he knows his Government has sent and that if the matter is not corrected he will have to communicate with his Government to the effect that they were being treated here like enemy powers. Mr. Long stated he has been trying for twenty-four hours to get these communications for them; that he now has checked and found that there are 15 or 16 messages addressed to the [ ] in New York in the office of the Navy Censor; that the [ ] received one message this afternoon from [ ] sent by the High Commissioner to the Ambassador, this being dated December 12th, and that this is the only message he has received since the 10th of this month. He said these messages are addressed to [ ] which is the code address of the [ ].

He said he learned there is one message in New York addressed to [ ] which has been there for days; that also in New York there are a number of messages addressed to NAVAL [ ] which would mean the Naval Attache; that there are also several other messages addressed to [ ] Mr. Long stated that these messages should be forwarded to the [ ] in Washington immediately. I told Mr. Long I wanted to make sure I understood the instructions correctly; that all messages coming in to the [ ] should be cleared to the [ ] whether in code or not; that outgoing messages should be handled the same way; that everything to the Government at Vichy should be cleared, as well as anything to Martinique. Mr. Long stated this was correct.

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I told Mr. Long that I would take care of this matter immediately and see that the messages are delivered. He stated he has talked to the Naval Censor a dozen times but still the messages have not been cleared; that he learned from the head of RFA that they came in and were sent to the Naval Censor but had not come back. Mr. Long gave as an example as to how they can mix things

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that one of the messages to the [ ] was sent back to RCA by the Naval Censor with instructions to deliver it to the [ ] in Washington. He said, of course, the [ ] [ ] has nothing to do with [ ] affairs.

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Time - 6:28 PM

I called Mr. Long back at this time and told him that a representative of the Bureau had already contacted Captain Penn who checked back and found the situation just as Mr. Long had described it; that I issued instructions that the messages are to be cleared through at once and, as a matter of fact, they are on their way now and will be delivered at the [ ] within the next hour, as soon as they can be transmitted over the wire. I also told Mr. Long I had issued instructions that no more of these messages are to be held up. Mr. Long stated he would try to get together tomorrow a written statement as to what messages from what sources in the United States and what sources in South America should come to Washington from South America and through America to Europe and what messages out of the United States to Europe, and, conversely, what messages from Europe should come to the United States and what messages from Europe should be allowed to transit the United States to South America. I told Mr. Long such a statement should be very helpful; that if I could have that then I could issue instructions to the Army and Navy, who are handling postal and cable censorship, exactly what they must and must not do.

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I told Mr. Long about the complaint of the Finnish Ambassador in that he could not get his messages through, and Mr. Long stated he was in the same class as the countries at war.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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December 16, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON  
MR. TAMM  
MR. CLEGG  
MR. LADD

Captain Fenn of the Office of Naval Intelligence called me with reference to the complaint made by the [redacted] to the State Department relative to the interference with communications addressed to the [redacted]. I advised him that Mr. Long of the State Department had called me and explained the situation.

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Captain Fenn advised me that Mr. Long informed him that the State Department had been advised by RCA that a dozen messages had been forwarded to the censorship officials in New York City. Captain Fenn pointed out that he has been working on this situation all day and that he was advised no [redacted] messages were being held in New York. Captain Fenn then called New York and instructed the men there to review their files for the last five days to be certain no messages are being held up. I remarked to Captain Fenn that the State Department was most concerned in the situation because they are apparently carrying on some very delicate dealings with the [redacted] and unless this matter is settled amicably there might arise some agitation on the part of the [redacted]. Captain Fenn said that he fully realized the seriousness of the situation and in this connection he pointed out that he had previously given definite instructions as to the manner in which matters of this nature should be handled by the people in New York City.

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I suggested to Captain Fenn that the man in charge of this work in RCA be contacted to determine just how many messages have come through so it can be determined [redacted].

[redacted] I further advised him that as a result of my conversation with Mr. Long I understood that [redacted].

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[redacted] I told him also that Mr. Long advised me of two situations which showed the manner in which the messages are being handled. In this connection, I pointed out to him that according to Mr. Long (1) a message addressed to the [redacted] was delivered to the [redacted] and (2) a message from [redacted] from the High Commissioner dated ~~12~~ December 12, 1941 did not reach the [redacted] until today.

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Captain Fenn said that he will again contact Mr. Long to

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find out the name of the man at RCA who made the allegations that the Naval censors were holding the 15 messages. I told him this would be the best thing to do because the number might have been exaggerated.

Captain Fern was very concerned about this entire situation and he advised me that he would take definite steps to see to it that there will be no recurrence of any such oversight by the Naval censors.

He said that he will advise me of any developments in this situation.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director





HHC: LH

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

December 11, 1941

Dictated: 2:15  
Typed: 3:40

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: [redacted] in  
San Francisco and Washington.

At 12:12 p.m. I talked to Mr. Ironsides of the Post Office Department and simultaneously by conference with Mr. Ironsides and Mr. Joseph F. Gartmand, Assistant Chief Inspector, and informed them concerning [redacted] on board the S.S. President Johnson at San Francisco and of the fact that the Postmaster General according to the information furnished by the State Department already has possession of the [redacted]. Mr. Gartmand stated that he would be very glad to turn them over to us immediately. He will immediately get in touch with his inspector in San Francisco and I instructed him to have the [redacted] sent air mail and to call this office as soon as they arrived as this office was open 24 hours a day. So was his. They will be delivered promptly upon arrival.

He knew of none in Washington. He checked with the post offices locally, the postmaster, the Postmaster General's Office and throughout the entire department. There are no [redacted] being held in Washington by the Post Office Department. If they subsequently come into possession of any one in the Post Office Department, we will be notified.

At 2:39 p.m. I contacted Mr. Gordon of the State Department. He was going to make an effort to trace through his original source of information for further facts concerning [redacted] supposed to be in Washington now. It had been reported to him that there were likely some [redacted] here. After tracing it down he will inform me if any are found.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg

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Captain T. S. Wilkinson  
Director of Naval Intelligence  
Navy Department  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Captain Wilkinson:

There is attached hereto a transcript  
of the tentative draft of objectives and basic  
principles for planning censorship organization  
and operations.

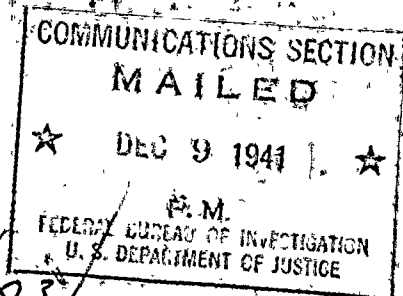
This is the draft of the statement in  
which we collaborated with Mr. MacLeish today.

Sincerely yours,

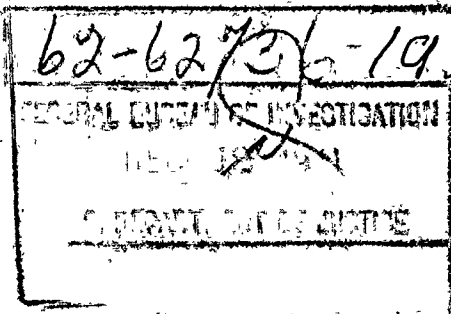
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December 9, 1941

PERSONAL AND STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Milo Perkins  
Executive Director  
Economic Defense Board  
2501 Q Street, N. W., Room 501  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Perkins:

I wanted to send you this note concerning  
the status of the development of a censorship program.

Attached hereto I am forwarding a tentative  
draft of basic principles and policies to serve as a  
guide in the development of censorship organization  
and operations. I would appreciate your reviewing this  
tentative draft, which was prepared by a committee  
today, and you would do me a favor if you would forward  
any comments or suggestions for further consideration  
and for guidance during the formative stages and until  
the censorship establishment has been created.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Foxworth \_\_\_\_\_  
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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] IN NEW YORK CITY.

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Dear Sir:

There are being transmitted herewith  
[REDACTED] censored by  
Naval Intelligence on December 11, 1941.

[REDACTED] by this  
Division are being appropriately reviewed for any  
action deemed advisable.

Very truly yours,

P. E. FOXWORTH  
Assistant Director

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